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Complete the paragraph below by writing the words from the word box on the spaces provided. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

April Fool's Day

Word Box

pranks

cultures

forward

world

jokes

gag

Practical _____ are all around on April Fool's Day! Sometimes these _____ last throughout the day. One such _____ or prank is setting a person's watch back or _____ one hour. Variations of April Fool's Day exist _____ wide. The origin of this special day in the United States remains a mystery, yet is often considered to be the combination of many _____ and celebrations that welcome the spring season.

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April Fool's Day

Word Box

tradition

Day

celebrates

history

25th

jokes

morning

pranks

The practice of playing practical _____ and pranks on people includes a long _____ and many cultures. For example, March _____ marked what was known as Hilaria in ancient Rome. Jokes played only in the _____ in England made a person a noodle. This _____ had roots in the 18th century. April Fool's _____ lasts for 48 hours in Scotland! Spain _____ the equivalent to April Fool's Day on December 28th. Although various countries and cultures celebrate April Fool's Day on different dates, what remains a common factor is that practical jokes and _____ are involved!

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April Fool's Day

Word Box

practical	explanations	jokes	celebrations	holiday
Fool's	played	April	message	involved

Practical _____ are all around on the first of April. This day is also sometimes referred to as All _____ Day. The origin of this _____ is not clear. Many _____ include the evolution and combination of several cultures and _____ involving the onset of the spring season. Practical jokes and _____ are often the order of the day on _____ first. The prankster of the joke often yells "April Fool" to the person the _____ in the joke. What was the last practical joke you _____ on someone? What was the last _____ joke played on you?

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Earth Day

Word Box

Earth

Kennedy

Day

1969

environmental

concerns

In _____ former Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin, started his pursuit of increased _____ awareness. Known as the “Father of Earth Day”, he enlisted the aid of President John F. _____ to help support his environmental _____. In 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson proposed a National _____ Day. The Presidential Medal of Freedom was awarded to Senator Nelson for his role in founding Earth _____.

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Earth Day

Word Box

celebrate

Gaylord

concern

Nelson

Day

held

Earth

remind

Earth _____ is held each April 22nd. This day helps _____ people of the importance of keeping the earth clean. Earth Day was the brainchild of former Senator _____ Nelson. He has affectionately been called the “Father of _____ Day” because his idea and efforts helped to promote and establish what we now _____ as Earth Day. Former Senator Gaylord _____ began his efforts of environmental protection and _____ in 1962. The first Earth Day was ultimately _____ in 1970.

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Earth Day

Word Box

Nelson	years	dirty	Senator	care
special	celebrated	first	President	earth

The very _____ Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970. This _____ day was the culmination of the efforts of former Senator Gaylord Nelson. Prior to this date, he spent many _____ trying to educate the public about the importance of taking _____ of the Earth. Former _____ Gaylord Nelson began his quest to preserve the _____ in 1963! He spoke with the _____ of the United States about his concerns. Former Senator Gaylord _____ was worried about pollution and the harmful effects of a _____ environment. Earth Day is _____ yearly, and serves as a reminder for people to take care of the earth and environment.

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Arbor Day

Word Box

newspaper

Day

United

trees

1874

replant

The tradition of holding a special day to plant _____, known as Arbor Day began in 1874. The idea of Arbor _____ belonged to a man named Julius Sterling Morton. A former senator and _____ editor, Morton was able to spread his idea. Morton wanted to _____ trees in the Great Plains area especially, as this area was deforested with the expansion of the _____ States. Morton's idea of Arbor Day became a reality in _____ as the first Arbor Day was held in Nebraska. The custom of celebrating Arbor Day in schools began in 1882.

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Arbor Day

Word Box

1800's	States	Day	suggested
Arbor	planting	world	trees

Arbor _____ is a special day recognized each April. Arbor Day honors the celebration and _____ of reforestation, or simply stated the panting of _____ . Started back in the late _____, Arbor Day was the brainchild of Julius Sterling Morton, a forest conversationalist. After a great deforestation took place in the area of the United _____ called the Great Plains, Morton _____ the replanting of trees in this area. After many years, his idea caught on and the official first _____ Day was held in Nebraska, in 1872. Today, variations of this holiday are held around the _____ .

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Arbor Day

Word Box

recognized	Day	Arbor	Morton's	trees
importance	22 nd	governor	holiday	day

The very first Arbor _____ was held on April 10, 1872. This special _____, celebrated in April each year, celebrates and recognizes the _____ of planting trees. Julius Sterling Morton was a former _____ of Nebraska and newspaper editor. He realized how important planting _____ was. His dream was to hold one _____ a year for this occasion of planting. Thirteen years after the first _____ Day was celebrated, the date was changed to April _____ in honor of Julius Sterling _____ birthday. Today, Arbor Day is an April holiday _____ and honored worldwide.

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National Volunteer Week

Word Box

rewarding

Nixon

Week

1974

volunteer

ceremonies

Volunteering is very important. In fact, so important that in _____, former President Richard Nixon signed National Volunteer _____ into the legislation. National Volunteer Week, held each April, recognizes all the people who _____ in different ways throughout the United States on local, state and national levels. Organizations host award _____ that honor volunteers. Each president that followed former President _____ has supported this holiday. Volunteering is a very _____ experience. How would you like to volunteer?

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National Volunteer Week

Word Box

signed	1974	United	support
Nixon's	Week	time	volunteers

Millions of _____ are honored and recognized during National Volunteer _____ . Former President Richard Nixon officially _____ National Volunteer Week into legislation in _____ . This special week, held each April in the _____ States, serves as tribute to all the individuals who donate and share their _____, efforts, and energy to help others. Since former President _____ signature and endorsement of this holiday, every United States president that followed continued to _____ this holiday.

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National Volunteer Week

Word Box

President	difference	Volunteer	National	celebrations
supported	States	honor	week	April

Former United _____ President Richard Nixon supported a
_____ of celebrating the act of volunteering. In 1974, Former
_____ Nixon signed the legislation that created National _____
Week. This special holiday is held each _____ in the United States of America.
Since Nixon's administration, each new President has _____ and promoted
_____ Volunteer Week. During this week, many _____ are held that
recognize and _____ the many individuals that volunteer in an assortment of
ways. Volunteering makes a difference. Have you made a _____ lately?

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National Frog Month

Word Box

cycle

frog's

lives

sides

fact

cold

The frogs full life _____ after hatching takes about 12 to 16 weeks. Depending on where the frog _____, this cycle may take longer. For example, frogs that live in _____ climates or high altitudes may take an entire season to go through the tadpole stage! Did you know that frogs have ears? Well, they do! Located on the _____ of their heads, a frog's ears are called tympanum, meaning drum. Another interesting _____ about the frog's ear is that it is connected to the _____ lungs!

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National Frog Month

Word Box

species	blooded	water	amphibians
land	frogs	tailless	backbone

The frog is a member of the _____ amphibian species called Salientia. Over 3,900 different _____ of these tailless amphibians exist. These tailless _____ scientific name is Anura. The zoological class that _____ belong to is called Amphibia. Frogs are cold-_____ creatures. They have a _____, known as vertebrae. Frogs live on both _____ and water. They return to the _____ to breed.

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National Frog Month

Word Box

300	bodies	smooth	wart	everywhere
walk	Toads	Ranidae	family	set

Did you know that _____ are actually Frogs? Yes, it's true! Frogs, members of the Ranidae _____ include 400 plus different species. Toads, members of the Bufonidae family, include over _____ different species. Each family has its own _____ of characteristics. For example, frogs in the _____ family have bulging eyes, long and strong rear feet, slimy and _____ skin, and lay eggs in clusters. These frogs are found _____ on the earth except in the Antarctica. Frog members of the Bufonidae family have very short, thick _____ and short rear legs. These frogs _____ rather than hop like frogs in the Ranidae family. Their skin is dry and may contain _____ looking bumps.

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Mathematics Awareness Month

Word Box

Month

appreciation

mathematical

year

special

space

Mathematics Awareness _____ began in 1986 as Mathematics Awareness Week. This _____ event is held each April. Many _____ events and activities are held. Each _____, a different theme is selected. The purpose of this celebration is to help deepen a public _____ of mathematics and the potential and important fields of study that exist through the study of mathematics. Some of the areas of live careers that offer opportunity in math are computer science, medicine, _____ exploration, and teaching.

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Mathematics Awareness Month

Word Box

1986	medicine	view	event
selected	Awareness	activities	important

Mathematics _____ Month began in _____ as Mathematics Awareness Week. This special _____ is held each April. Many mathematical events and _____ are held. Each year, a different theme is _____. The purpose of this celebration is to help deepen a public _____ of mathematics and the potential and _____ fields of study that exist through the study of mathematics. Some of the areas of live careers that offer opportunity in math are computer science, _____, space exploration, and teaching.

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Mathematics Awareness Month

Word Box

events	display	month	colleges	Ronald
April	1986	Awareness	one	possible

Did you know that _____ is Mathematics Awareness Month? This special _____ long holiday began in 1986. It started as a _____ week celebration of mathematics endorsed by former President _____ Reagan. During its beginning in _____, many events were held on a national level. For example, a mathematics _____ was presented at the Smithsonian Institution! The goal of Mathematics _____ Month is to broaden the view of mathematics as a _____ field of study for people. Many _____ and schools host special math _____ during the month of April.

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National Poetry Month

Word Box

state	National	importance
colleges	holiday	April

April is _____ Poetry Month. Started in 1996, this special _____ helps celebrate and reinforce the _____ and presence of poetry! National Poetry Month is celebrated in many ways on local, _____, and national levels. Schools, _____, universities, literacy groups, and bookstores hold special literacy and poetry activities during _____. Individually, there are many way people can recognize this holiday. For example, people can write a poem, listen to a poem, attend a poetry reading, read a poem, memorize a poem, sign up for a poetry writing class, and begin a poem notebook!

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National Poetry Month

Word Box

bookstores

write

notebook

remind

poem

Poetry

celebrate

ways

April is National _____ Month. Started in 1996, this special holiday helps _____ and reinforce the importance and presence of poetry! National Poetry Month is celebrated in many _____ on local, state, and national levels. Schools, colleges, universities, literacy groups, and _____ hold special literacy and poetry activities during April. Individually, there are many way people can _____ this holiday. For example, people can _____ a poem, listen to a poem, attend a poetry reading, read a poem, memorize a _____, sign up for a poetry writing class, and begin a poem _____ .

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National Poetry Month

Word Box

April	wrote	appreciation	write	libraries
haven't	Poetry	National	special	various

National _____ Month began in 1996. This _____ holiday, celebrated each _____ bridges authors, schools, _____, poets, publishers, and literacy groups. The purpose of _____ Poetry Month is to raise the level of _____ and accessibility of the world of poetry! Many _____ genres of poetry exist. When was the last time you _____ a poem? If you _____ in a while, April is a good time to _____ again!

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National Library Week

Word Box

Week	April	Library
approximately	one	largest

National Library _____, started by American Library Association in 1958, is held for _____ week each _____ in the United States. The American _____ Association is among the _____ as well as oldest literacy groups in the world. Currently, the American Library Association is _____ 64,000 members strong. This literacy organization strives to provide the highest caliber of literacy resources information to the public. How does your school celebrate National Library Week?

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National Library Week

Word Box

April	medical	public
world	Association	libraries
		types

Many various _____ of libraries exist in the _____. For example, there are public, academic, _____, law, state, school, government, and national _____. To help remind the American _____ about the value of libraries, in 1958 the American Library _____ sponsored what has become known as National Library Week. This special holiday is generally held during the second full week each _____ in the United States. When was the last time you visited your _____ or local public library?

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National Library Week

Word Box

1958	visited	United	National	April
weeklong	Library	many	Week	librarians

Each April, the American _____ Association promotes what's known as _____ Library Week. This special week, started in _____, recognizes and celebrates the _____ and varied contributions of _____ and libraries across the _____ States. All libraries partake in this _____ observance. Most often, National Library _____ is held the second full week of _____ each year. When was the last time you thanked a librarian? When was the last time you _____ your school or public library?

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National Walk to Work Day

Word Box

30	health	gain
walking	research	reduce

Did you know that a good _____ minute, daily and brisk paced walk could improve your current health? It can! Continued _____ and studies confirm that _____ this regime each day can help _____ or eliminate the incidence of heart disease and diabetes. This daily 30 minutes of walking also has the potential to limit and or reduce additional weight _____. In recognition of the importance of walking and the potential _____ benefits National Walk to Work Day officially began in the United States in 2004.

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National Walk to Work Day

Word Box

Work	States	pace	
first	walk	encourages	problem

National Walk to _____ Day is held each April first in the United States. This day _____ people to walk to work if possible or _____ 30 minutes at a brisk _____ sometime during the day. In response to a growing obesity _____ and increasing sedentary lifestyles, United _____ Secretary of Health and Human Services proclaimed April _____ as National Walk to Work Day. Have you had your 30 minutes of _____ walking today?

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National Walk to Work Day

Word Box

rooted	day	minutes	growing	show
	Work	United	April	Walk

In response to a _____ occurrence of obesity and lifestyles
_____ in sedentary activities, National Walk to _____ Day was
born! Started in the _____ States in 2004, this special _____
encourages people to _____ to work. If that's not a possible activity, individuals
are encouraged to walk at least 30 _____, briskly, during the day. Each
_____ first marks National Walk to Work Day. Studies and research continue to
_____ and confirm how health can be improved by walking 30 minutes
_____.

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National TV-Turnoff Week

Word Box

Education	Week	April
unrealistic	activities	1994

The United States National TV-Turnoff _____ is supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, National _____ Association, and the American Medical Association. National TV-Turnoff Week was started in _____ by who's known as the TV-Turnoff Network and is held each _____ 19-25th. This organization promotes family, friendship, and community _____ and involvement. The TV-Turnoff Network supports the connections of the above-mentioned groups verses the sedentary, often _____ portrayals of life events often shown on the television.

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Date _____
Topic: April Days and Celebrations

Directions:

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National TV-Turnoff Week

Word Box

replacing

created

dancing

time

Week

healthy

studies

amount

National TV-Turnoff _____ began in 1994. Since that time,
_____ have revealed that more American households have _____
time limits monitoring the amount of _____ children watch television. This is
significant in terms of promoting a _____ and active lifestyle. Watching
_____ is a very sedentary activity. Limiting the _____ of time
spent in front of the television and _____ it with activities such as biking,
walking, hiking, and _____ quite possible have the potential to improve the
health of the youngster!

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National TV-Turnoff Week

Word Box

started	television	hours	spend	friend
instead	States	Turnoff	25 th	children

In the United _____, each April 19th through the _____ is designated as National TV-_____ Week. This annual event was _____ in 1994. Staggering statistics reveal that many _____ spend more than 1,000 _____ a week in front of the _____. What is there to do _____ of television? How about read a book, invite a _____ over, write a poem, take a walk, paint a picture, or listen to music. How do you like to _____ your free time?

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Answers

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1. jokes
2. cranks
3. gags
4. forward
5. world
6. cultures

Page 2

1. jokes
2. history
3. 25th
4. morning
5. tradition
6. Day
7. celebrates
8. pranks

Page 3

1. joke
2. Fool's
3. holiday
4. explanations
5. celebrations
6. pranks
7. April
8. involved
9. played
10. practical

Page 4

1. 1969
2. environmental
3. Kennedy
4. concerns
5. Earth
6. Day

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1. Day
2. remind
3. Gaylord
4. Earth
5. celebrate
6. Nelson
7. concern
8. held

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1. first
2. special
3. years
4. care
5. Senator
6. earth
7. President
8. Nelson
9. dirty
10. celebrated

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1. trees
2. Day
3. newspaper
4. replant
5. United
6. 1874

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1. Day
2. planting
3. trees
4. 1800's
5. States
6. suggested
7. Arbor
8. world

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1. Day
2. holiday
3. importance
4. governor
5. trees
6. day
7. Arbor
8. 22nd
9. Morton's
10. recognized

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1. 1974
2. Week
3. Volunteer
4. ceremonies
5. Nixon
6. rewarding

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1. volunteers
2. Week
3. signed
4. 1974
5. United
6. time
7. Nixon's
8. support

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1. States
2. week
3. President
4. Volunteer
5. April
6. supported
7. National
8. celebrations
9. honor
10. difference

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1. cycle
2. lives
3. cold
4. sides
5. fact
6. frog's

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1. tailless
2. species
3. amphibians
4. frogs
5. blooded
6. backbone
7. land
8. water

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1. Toads
2. family
3. 300
4. set
5. Ranidae
6. smooth
7. everywhere
8. bodies
9. walk
10. wart

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1. Month
2. special
3. mathematical
4. year
5. appreciation
6. space

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1. Awareness
2. 1986
3. event
4. activities
5. selected
6. view
7. important
8. medicine

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1. April
2. month
3. one
4. Ronald
5. 1986
6. display
7. Awareness
8. possible
9. colleges
10. events

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1. National
2. holiday
3. importance
4. state
5. colleges
6. April

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1. Poetry
2. remind
3. ways
4. bookstores
5. celebrate
6. write
7. poem
8. notebook

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1. Poetry
2. special
3. April
4. libraries
5. National
6. appreciation
7. various
8. wrote
9. haven't
10. write

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1. Week
2. one
3. April
4. Library
5. largest
6. approximately

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1. types
2. world
3. medical
4. libraries
5. public
6. Association
7. April
8. school

Page 24

1. Library
2. National
3. 1958
4. many
5. librarians
6. United
7. weeklong
8. Week
9. April
10. visited

Page 25

1. 30
2. research
3. walking
4. reduce
5. gain
6. health

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1. Work
2. encourages
3. walk
4. pace
5. problem
6. States
7. first
8. brisk

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1. growing
2. rooted
3. Work
4. United
5. day
6. walk
7. minutes
8. April
9. show
10. daily

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1. Week
2. Education
3. 1994
4. April
5. activities
6. unrealistic

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1. Week
2. studies
3. created
4. time
5. television
6. amount
7. replacing
8. dancing

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1. States
2. 25th
3. Turnoff
4. started
5. children
6. hours
7. television
8. instead
9. friend
10. spend